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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
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Sir:

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JP 5-29014 cited in the attached Search Report was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 2, 2001

4 For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:

- {} a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
- [X] a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
- {} the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
- {} the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- {} the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference;

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Respectfully submitted.

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